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To whom it may concern,

OMSI is located along the shores of the Willamette River and at the confluence of transit by light rail, bicycle, walking paths, bridges and traditional auto corridors. The Frog Ferry proposal for a Portland-Vancouver passenger ferry service is an innovative initiative that seeks to mitigate congestion and benefit the environment, while also offering an appealing alternative way to experience the region.

It is our pleasure to write in support of the proposed Frog Ferry initiative. Since the primary beneficiaries of this project are Portland residents and commuters, we see the advantage of a connected water transit system that links to key visitor attractions in the central city. As OMSI looks to the future, transportation strategy is a key priority. As the city and region continue to grow, we believe that the development of a transportation plan that incorporates alternative transportation options, including passenger ferries, could be a compelling approach to curbing congestion and increasing the quality of the visitor experience. The OMSI dock provides a great location for a ferry service, although it would likely need reinforcement in anticipation of a regular ferry service.

The Frog Ferry initiative will provide vital links within the Portland-Vancouver region. It will provide an opportunity to educate children and their families about the value of the river ecosystem, while providing a new point of view to discover our community: our Native history, our ecosystem, a means to reduce auto transit, and connectivity between waterfront amenities.

We look forward to the day when OMSI visitors can ride the ferry as part of their educational and entertainment experience.

Sincerely,



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